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Rewald's Bodyguard Testifies

Tells Jury One of His Tasks Was to Follow the Boss's Wife

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Ronald Rewald's bodyguard testified yesterday that one of his many assignments for Rewald was to trail Rewald's wife, Nancy.

Calvin Gunderson, a partner in Legal Investigations Inc., told a federal court jury in Rewald's fraud trial that he conducted a number of investigations for Rewald, including some which he thought were for the CIA.

But he also did less glamorous work, including making sure the Rewald children got to and from school safely, picking up baggage at the airport for Jack Lord and spying on Rewald's wife.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Peyton did not question Gunderson in detail about why Rewald wanted his wife followed. But Gunderson said he performed "physical surveillance" on Nancy Rewald for two days.

The government has put on the stand a number of women who testified they received money from Rewald in return for sexual or social contact.

GUNDERSON SAID he was "very loyal" to Rewald and called Rewald "a very generous man."



HALFBACK RON REWALD
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS FOOTBALL CLUB

POSE FROM PAST—This picture of Ronald Rewald as a high-stepping halfback is not a real National Football League photo, an NFL official testified in Rewald's federal fraud trial yesterday. —Star-Bulletin Photo by Dean Sensui.

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Gunderson received more than \$48,000 from Rewald, as well as a \$16,000 Corvette, a trip to Molokai, horseback-riding lessons and \$22,000 interest from a \$250,000 deposit Rewald made in Gunderson's name.

In return, Gunderson said, Rewald sometimes ran him "ragged" providing security for Rewald and his family and conducting various investigations. Gunderson said he was paid by check from Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

On July 29, 1983, only hours before Rewald attempted to commit suicide, Rewald directed Gunderson to make sure Rewald's wife and children returned to Wisconsin and to remove the files from Bishop, Baldwin offices.

Rewald told Gunderson that KHON reporter Barbara Tanabe's interview of Bishop, Baldwin attorney Dan Newland would "blow the cover" of Rewald's company.

REWALD CLAIMS his company was set up and run by the CIA and that he was a CIA agent. The CIA claims it used Rewald only for "light cover" for a few agents.

Rewald gave Gunderson his final orders as the two walked down Fort Street Mall. Gunderson said. The last Gunderson saw of Rewald before the attempted suicide was when Rewald walked into the cathedral on the mall to pray.

Gunderson said the files were taken to a Waimanalo house and later turned over to the courts after Rewald hired attorney Brook Hart. He said that none of the files was destroyed and that he kept none of them. He did say he looked through the files before they were returned and saw a file labeled "Jack Kindschl." Kindschl was formerly head of the CIA field office here and went to work for Rewald after he retired.

Under questioning by Peyton, Gunderson said that Bishop, Baldwin eventually became 51 percent owner of Legal Investigations. Bishop, Baldwin's interest in the company, however, was not listed on a \$25,000 loan application submitted to the federal Small Business Administration.

EARLIER YESTERDAY, a National Football League official testified that Rewald signed three football contracts but never actually played football. Rewald has told people at various times that he played professional football.

Rewald was cut from two professional teams after only one day of practice and failed to show up for practice for another team, said Al Ward, assistant to the president of the American Football Conference.

Rewald signed contracts but was never paid by the Cleveland Browns, Kansas City Chiefs and the Baltimore Colts in 1965.

Ward said a photograph entered into evidence, purporting to be a Kansas City Chiefs publicity shot, is not an official league photograph. He said Rewald is not even wearing a Kansas uniform in the photo and that it was taken in a high school or college stadium.

In July 1965, Rewald was waived by both the Browns and the Chiefs after only one day of practice. Ward said Rewald never showed up at the Colts camp and his contract, for which he received no money, apparently stayed in the Colts' files for two years.